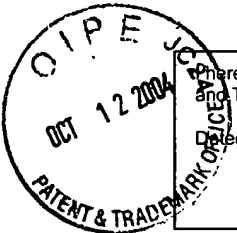


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated May 10, 2004, for which a response was due on August 10, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 12, 2004 (October 10, 2004 being a Sunday and October 11, 2004 being a Federal Holiday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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